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Notice of Allowability

Application No. **08/242,960**

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

In accordance the Summary of Interview attached hereto amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 2 change "a biodegradable polymer" to - - - - an antigen containing biodegradable poly(DL-lactide-co-glycolide) - -

line 17 after the word "polymers" insert - $\sqrt{-of}$

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line 19 change "microspheres of a" to - - - microspheres of the- - -.

Cancel claims 6, 8, 10 and 11.

REMARKS

This amendment places the present application in condition for allowance since it defines the polymers and microspheres to be formed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Criares whose telephone number is (703) 308-4607.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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